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SUBJECT: LIBYAN VISITOR TO JAMAICA

1. AT SOME POINT IN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17-23, JAMAICA WAS VISITED BY AWAD SALEH BURU WIN (SIC), DESCRIBED AS THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF LIBYA. THE LIBYAN VISITOR REPORTEDLY USED HIS STAY IN JAMAICA TO DELIVER A LETTER FROM THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT TO THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE "WORKING RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN THE JAMAICAN AND LIBYAN DELEGATIONS AT THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE HELD IN COLOMBO.

2. THE VISIT OF THE LIBYAN RECEIVED ALMOST NO COVERAGE IN THE PRESS. EFFORTS TO OBTAIN HARD INFORMATION ABOUT THE VISIT FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE BEEN UNAVAILING SO FAR. ACCORDING TO PROBYN MARSH, FORMERLY JAMAICA AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE AND NOW HEAD OF THE MINISTRY'S INSPECTORATE, THE ONLY PERSONS WHO DEALT WITH THE LIBYAN VISITOR WERE FOREIGN MINISTER DUDLEY THOMPSON AND PERMANENT SECRETARY FRANK FRANCIS, AND NO ONE ELSE IN THE MINISTRY HAS

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BEEN MADE PRIVY TO THE DISCUSSIONS. MARSH, WHO STRESSED

THAT HIS QUALIFICATIONS AS A MIDDLE EASTERN EXPERT WERE
SUBSTANTIAL, LEFT THE VERY DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THE
SECRECY SURROUNDING THE VISIT LEFT HIS (MARSH'S) NOSE VERY
MUCH OUT OF JOINT.

3. WITH THE LIBYANS HAVING NOW ESTABLISHED A MISSION IN
GUYANA, WE CANNOT HELP WONDERNG WHETHER OR NOT JAMAICA
MIGHT BE NEXT. AND JAMAICANS MAY BE WONDERING ABOUT THE
CHARACTER OF LIBYAN LARGESSE.
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